Print to the Browser ("BR") Action

After reading a message, you can use the **BR** action code to print the message to the FileMan Browser. If your site manager has set up the output device called BROWSER, you can view any message in the BROWSER.

The advantages of printing a message to the Browser are:

- You can scroll both forward and backward through the message smoothly and easily -- you won't lose part of it off the top of the screen as you do when you print to the HOME device.
- You can go to any line, screen, or column of the message with a single command.
- You can use the search feature to find and immediately jump to any text in the message.
- You can copy text from the message and later paste it into another message or other document or WORD-PROCESSING-type field.

Using the BROWSER has the same effect as Printing your message to the HOME device or to a printer except that you now have the benefit of being able to scroll up and down through an entire message on your screen. You can view (but not edit) any message. You may find that by viewing messages in the BROWSER, you can avoid having to print hard copies of some messages simply to be able to see the whole message.

In the example below, you open a message and you are at response 229 (this is a very long message). You want to see a previous response. You could use the Backup command if you knew the number of the response you wanted or you could Print to the HOME device and read through all the responses if you have time. However, the easiest thing to do and the option that gives you the most flexibility is to use **BR** and Print to the Browser.

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Subj: I'm so excited...  [#1190657] 07 Nov 97 09:24   59 lines
From: FUCHSIA,GARY M - PROGRAMMER   (CIOFO-SF)  230 of 230 responses read.
In 'mailman' basket.  Message will be NEW Later.   Page 1
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229) CRIMSON,STEVEN R - ISC-SF (San Francisco CIO Field Office)  01 Aug 00 09:19
5 lines

I was hoping to do more than SELECT an option......  I will defer to you
folks.  It is, at worse, a nuisance and, at best, unlikely to be
encountered much.  And the work around is to navigate the old fashioned
way so I would hate to see anyone waste a lot of time on it.  But I feel
compelled to report unexpected behavior.

230) FUCHSIA,GARY M - PROGRAMMER    (CIOFO-SF)  01 Aug 00 09:36    Type BR for
                                                                  Browser
Then let's ignore it.

Enter message action (in MailMan basket): Ignore// BR
There are 230 responses.  Response 0 is the original message.  (?? shows index)
Select the responses to Print: 0-230// <RET>
...one moment...
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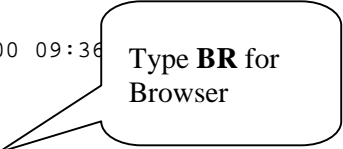
Figure 58-A 1 Enter BR to print this message to the Browser

Enter "**BR**" at the "Enter message action (in xxxx basket): Ignore//" prompt, where "xxxx" contains the name of the mail basket in which the message resides, as shown above.

When you press <RET> to accept the default of 0-230 responses to print to the Browser, immediately your screen will change to display the beginning of the message as shown below:

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                         [#1190657] I'm so excited...
MailMan message for MAGENTA,MICHAL  Tech Writer
Printed at ISC-SF.VA.GOV  15 Aug 00 10:57
Subj: I'm so excited...  [#1190657] 07 Nov 97 09:24  59 lines
From: FUCHSIA,GARY M - PROGRAMMER   (CIOFO-SF)  230 of 230 responses read.  In
-------------------------------------------------------------------------
...and I just can't hide it!

What am I doing here on my day off?  I can't wait!  I've just got to tell you!
You've heard the rumors for months!  You've read about it on FORUM for the past
week!  On Wednesday, if I don't hose up the install, you'll enter a whole new
e-mail dimension!

I'm talking about MailMan patch XM*7.1*50!  It'll change your life!  Make you a
better person!

o It's got a whole new user interface!

o You can have your mail in date or reverse-date order, just set your
preference in the user options.

o You can set your default message lister (in edit user options) to the classic
(tired) one or the fabulous new full-screen message lister!  Within it you can

. Col>   1 |<PF1>H=Help <PF1>E=Exit| Line>    22 of 10524  Screen>    1 of 479
  1(023,001)
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Figure 58-A 2: Message from Figure 58-A-1 as seen in Browser.

You can see that the top or header line of the Browser screen shows the name of the current document. The bottom line of the screen shows you, from left to right: the leftmost column, keystroke reminders for accessing help and exiting, the current line and the total number of lines, the current screen and the total number of screens.

Now that you are in the Browser, you have all of its capabilities at your fingertips. For a quick and thorough summary of the commands available to you, press <PF1>H for help while in the Browser.

For additional information about using features of the VA FileMan Browser, see the "VA FileMan Version 22.0 Getting Started Manual," chapter 4.